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Powers Back Flying U2s For Lockheed

BURBANK, Calif., Nov. 3. — (AP) — Francis Gary Powers, the U2 pilot captured by the Russians and convicted as a spy, is back flying U2s again — as a test pilot.

He has quit the Central Intelligence Agency and taken a job with Lockheed Aircraft Corp., which makes the high-flying U2 camera planes.

Powers joined two weeks ago as an engineering test pilot, a Lockheed spokesman confirmed.

The CIA said last night Powers resigned October 6 because "he had finished his work with us."

POWERS WAS not available for comment.

Powers' U2 crashed while flying over Russia on May 1, 1960. He parachuted to safety, was captured and convicted of spying. He was freed last February 10 in an exchange for Rudolf Abel, a Russian spy imprisoned in the United States.

When Powers returned, the CIA said he had lived up to his \$2,500-a-month contract and would be retained for an undetermined period.

Powers was a test pilot for Lockheed before joining the CIA.